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# WILMAT HOLLIES

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ENGLISH - CHINESE - AMERICAN

CHOICE EVERGREEN SPECIES  
AND VARIETIES

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- Hardy Stock from Selected Trees -

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All of the English holly varieties are from trees of known hardiness growing from Pennsylvania north to Connecticut. Planted carefully, with the proper exposure and in prepared soil, they should thrive in locations supposed to be too far north for English holly.

We guarantee our hollies to be true to name, but we cannot guarantee them to grow because of conditions and circumstances over which we have no control. Nursery inspection certificate assuring freedom from injurious insects and diseases attached to each shipment.

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The booklet, "Growing Evergreen Hollies," will be sent free with each order of \$5.00 or more. Otherwise, 50 cents per copy. With the simple rules given, anyone should be able to grow hollies.

## ENGLISH HOLLY VARIETIES

### ILEX AQUIFOLIUM FISHERI (Fishers Best)

The parent tree growing in eastern Pennsylvania is a handsome free growing sort which produces parthenocarpic fruit freely. A male strain has also been identified whose wedge shaped leaves measure 3 inches in length.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.25 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	2.00 each
1 to 2 feet	4.00 each

### ILEX AQUIFOLIUM CILIATA MAJOR

A vigorous variety, the young shoots of which are deep purple. To us, this is the most beautiful of all the English hollies growing in the east. The stock plant, which is over 12 feet tall and of equal thickness, has withstood the winter extremes well. The leaves, which are over 3 inches long, have many spines. In color they are dark glossy olive green. The berries are of medium size and bright red.

1 year, 6" - 12"	\$2.00 each
1 to 2 feet	4.00 each

### ILEX AQUIFOLIUM PYRAMIDALIS

A fine vigorous-habited male variety with purple bark. The leaves are large, dark green, oblong-elliptic with scattered spines. Many have entire margins. The parent tree has thrived north of Philadelphia for forty years, and now has two trunks, each over 6 inches in diameter.

1 year, 6" - 12"	\$2.00 each
1 to 2 feet	4.00 each

### ILEX AQUIFOLIUM DONNINGTONENSIS (Donnington Holly)

The spiny leaves are thick-textured and of purple hue. The tree is free growing and bears a fine crop of berries. An excellent hardy variety.

1 year, 6" - 12"	\$2.00 each
1 to 2 feet	4.00 each

### ILEX AQUIFOLIUM W. J. BEAN (Bean Holly)

At Kew this is considered one of the best, and the stock tree from which these cuttings were taken measures up to their estimation. It is tall and compact with leaves somewhat resembling *hodginsii*, though smaller. The fruit is large and bright red.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.25 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	2.00 each
1 to 2 feet	4.00 each

> ILEX AQUIFOLIUM SCOTICA (Scotch Holly)

A distinct and well marked holly, the young shoots of which are deep purple. The leaves are round obovate of medium size, with a deep green color, of corky texture and with few spines. The berries are above average in size and showy. It grows well in Scotland.

1 year, 6" - 12"	\$2.00 each
1 to 2 feet	4.00 each

> ILEX AQUIFOLIUM LICHTENTHALII

The outstanding characteristics of this are: (1) the glossy pale green foliage, and (2) except for the terminal spine, there are usually only two others on each leaf. These are placed just back of the apex and point forward, giving the leaf a distinctive shape. The parent trees, three in number, are about 25 years old, broadly conical, about 12 feet in height. The fruit is of average size and brilliant red.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.25 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	2.00 each
1 to 2 feet	4.00 each

> ILEX AQUIFOLIUM INTEGRIFOLIA

Comes from just over the southern Pennsylvania line in Delaware. The parent bush is ten feet tall with equal spread. The foliage seems as glossy as on Ilex cornuta but of a deep green color. It bears berries in considerable quantity each year, even though there is no staminate aquifolium tree nearby.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.25 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	2.00 each
1 to 2 feet	4.00 each

> ILEX AQUIFOLIUM HANDSWORTHENSIS

This tree is at least 40 years old. Its height is 19 feet, while at the base it is ten feet in diameter. Normally, it bears a moderate crop of orange red berries of average size. This is an extremely hardy variety, compact and symmetrical.

1 year, 6" - 12"	\$2.00 each
1 to 2 feet	4.00 each

> ILEX AQUIFOLIUM FOXII (Fox Holly)

Is growing in a garden which was laid out in 1906. The tree is taller and narrower than handsworthensis, while the foliage is a lighter green. A male clone.

1 year, 6" - 12"	\$2.00 each
1 to 2 feet	4.00 each



7 ILEX AQUIFOLIUM MARNOCKI

The parent tree is growing in northern New Jersey. The foliage is similar to camelliae-folia, but more of the leaves are armed with sturdy spines. Because both the leaves and upper surface of the stems have a purple cast, the tree has a rich but somber appearance. It produces berries of medium size.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.25 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	2.00 each
1 to 2 feet	4.00 each

7 ILEX AQUIFOLIUM SMITHIANA (Smith Holly)

A distinct variety with narrow leaves—the green counterpart of donningtonensis. The bark is green or tinged with reddish purple. The leaves are 2 to 2½ inches long and about 1 inch in width, of a bright glossy green and having weakish spines which are moderately divaricate. Contrary to Dallimore, this tree produces an abundance of berries though there is a male strain.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.25 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	2.00 each
1 to 2 feet	4.00 each

7 ILEX AQUIFOLIUM ALCICORNIS

The large broad leaves are armed with regularly spaced long stiff sharp spines. This variety grows rapidly and is apparently quite hardy.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.25 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	2.00 each
1 to 2 feet	4.00 each

7 ILEX AQUIFOLIUM PYRAMIDALIS COMPACTA

A compact tree with small light green evenly spined leaves. It fruits freely. In no way does this variety resemble pyramidalis, but is a distinct sort.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.25 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	2.00 each

7 ILEX AQUIFOLIUM RECURVA

A superb hedge plant. The small sharply spined and recurved leaves are closely set on a twiggy compact shrub. An excellent pollinating variety which occasionally produces a few pistillate flowers.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.25 each
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➤ ILEX AQUIFOLIUM WHITTINGTONENSIS  
(Whittington's Holly)

A small leafed elegant holly with purple bark and elliptic-ovate leaves having numerous stiff divaricate spines.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.25 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	2.00 each
1 to 2 feet	4.00 each

➤ ILEX AQUIFOLIUM LAURIFOLIA (Laurel Leafed Holly)

A well marked and well known entire leafed type. The bark is purple while the leaves are dark olive green and glossy.

1 year, 6" - 12"	\$2.00 each
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➤ ILEX AQUIFOLIUM FRUCTU-LUTEO (Yellow Berried Holly)

This is the oldest known variety of "common holly" and history tells us that it was discovered several centuries ago growing in a woods near Wardour Castle in Wiltshire. The English holly with yellow fruit.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.25 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	2.00 each

➤ ILEX AQUIFOLIUM FRUCTU-AURANTIACO  
(Orange Berried Holly)

Similar to luteo, but with orange fruit.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.25 each
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ILEX AQUIFOLIUM AUREA REGINA (Golden Queen)

A beautiful holly and certainly the best of the golden variegated series. The parent tree has been growing in Pennsylvania for 15 years, indicating a hardiness worthy of a trial over a wide range.

Rooted cuttings	\$2.00 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	3.50 each
1 to 2 feet	5.00 each

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May we suggest "Growing Evergreen Hollies," a booklet of practical information. It is holly growing made easy. Each purchaser of plants costing \$5.00 or more will receive a copy free.

## HYBRID HOLLIES

The next six varieties, although usually classed as English holly, are essentially different. Presumably natural hybrids between *Ilex aquifolium* and the Canary Island holly, *Ilex perado* or *Ilex platyphylla*. All have large broad more or less flat leaves with none of the recurving tendency of *aquifolium* foliage. They are all beautiful plants of rapid growth, and are worthy of a trial as far north as southern Connecticut. In Standardized Plant Names they are grouped under the specific name *altacclarensis* and so they shall be here.

### ILEX ALTAACLARENSIS

The stock tree from which these were taken is fully 25 feet in height and 10 feet in breadth. It is one of the finest and hardiest of the group with roundish-ovate leaves 3 to 4 inches long. On some leaves the spines are numerous and regularly developed, while on others they are few or absent. It fruits freely without a male form present.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.50 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	2.50 each
1 to 2 feet	5.00 each

### ➤ ILEX ALTAACLARENSIS HODGINSII (Hodgin's Holly)

The tree from which these cuttings were taken is an illustration of holly at its best in the northeast. Pyramidal, compact, 12 feet in height with large dark green leaves and fruit more than 1/2 inch in diameter, it has thrived in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, for 20 or more years.

1 year, 6" - 12"	\$2.50 each
1 to 2 feet	5.00 each

### ➤ ILEX ALTAACLARENSIS SHEPHERDII (Shepherd's Holly)

One of the finest and hardiest of the large leafed hybrids. In texture and shape the leaves indicate *platyphylla* parentage. A superb tree.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.50 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	2.50 each
1 to 2 feet	5.00 each

### ILEX ALTAACLARENSIS WILSONI (Wilson's Holly)

A vigorous growing green barked holly with leaves as much as 5 inches in length. Considered by many the most beautiful of all evergreen hollies.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.50 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	2.50 each



➤ ILEX ALTA CLARENSIS BELGICA (Belgium Holly)

Sometimes called Dutch holly. Leaves large oblong-ovate and sap green in color. It is not unlike shepherdi, but berries more freely.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.50 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	2.50 each
1 to 2 feet	5.00 each

➤ ILEX ALTA CLARENSIS JAN VANTOL

Rooted cuttings	\$1.50 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	2.50 each

## BROAD LEAFED CANARY ISLAND HOLLIES

The following three varieties are unique. Though apparently of warm climate origin, the trees from which these plants were propagated have lived in Eastern Pennsylvania for more than 20 years and seem to have acclimated themselves to the vagaries of the weather. They should be a part of every holly collection. The stock is scarce.

➤ ILEX PLATYPHYLLA BALEARICA (Balearic Holly)

Usually classed as a variety of aquifolium, it bears little resemblance to it. The large oblong-ovate flat leaves are frequently spineless. A vigorous grower which berries freely.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.50 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	3.50 each
1 to 2 feet	6.00 each

ILEX PLATYPHYLLA MADARENSIS (Madeira Holly)

A male form with characteristics much the same as balearica.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.50 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	3.50 each
1 to 2 feet	6.00 each

➤ ILEX PLATYPHYLLA PALLIDA (Gray Leafed Holly)

As lovely a holly as ever grew. The gently arching elliptic gray green leaves are frequently four inches long. The berries are extremely large and bright orange red.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.50 each
1 year, 6" - 12"	3.50 each
1 to 2 feet	6.00 each



## HOLLIES OF CHINESE ORIGIN

Some of the most interesting, unique and beautiful plants of our gardens are of Chinese origin. The hollies of the Orient are no exception. One might be taken for a pear tree, though the foliage is evergreen, and the cherry red fruit is suspended on 2 inch stems. Another has the glossiest leaves and the largest and sharpest spines. All of them should be better known and more widely tried.

### ILEX PERNYI

Has tiny, crowded, rhombic leaves usually with two spines on each side with a long sharp terminal one. The ovoid red fruit is closely appressed to the twig. A fine specimen is growing in Philadelphia.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.25 each
1 year, 6" - 10"	2.00 each
10" - 20"	4.00 each

### ILEX PERNYI VEITCHII

Similar to pernyi but with larger, glossier and broader leaves. An attractive large shrub.

1 year, 6" - 10"	\$2.50 each
10" - 20"	4.00 each

### ILEX AQUIPERNYI

Though this is a cross between aquifolium and pernyi, because it shows more clearly the pernyi parentage, it is put in the Chinese group. A neat small tree with sharply spined leaves, because of its hybrid vigor and seeming hardiness, it should be tried over a wide range.

1 year, 6" - 10"	\$2.00 each
10" - 20"	4.00 each

### ILEX PEDUNCULOSA (The Long Stalk Holly)

A superb holly which should be better known because of its beauty and hardiness. A columnar tree with cherry red fruits which are suspended on long stems.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.50 each
1 year, 6" - 10"	2.50 each

### ILEX CORNUTA

An ornamental small tree with handsome lustrous foliage of odd shape. Questionably hardy north of Philadelphia. Both male and female trees are available.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.25 each
1 year, 6" - 10"	2.00 each
10" - 20"	4.50 each

### ILEX CORNUTA BURFORDI

A fruiting seedling sport of cornuta which is hardier than the species. Plantings on Long Island have done well. As a specimen or in foundation, it is unexcelled the year around.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.00 each
1 year, 6" - 10"	2.00 each
10" - 20"	4.50 each

## AMERICAN HOLLY

Though this is at the bottom of the list, do not overlook it. In hardiness it is superior to all the other red fruited evergreen hollies. Native from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, south, any of those listed below can be tried where the temperature does not go below 30 degrees below zero.

### ILEX OPACA HOOKSTRA

One of the finest of the named strains of American holly. The uniformity and gloss of the leaves, plus the scarlet berries which appear early, are its outstanding characteristics. The parent tree was discovered on the Hookstra farm, hence its name.

Rooted cuttings	\$1.00 each
1 year, 6" - 10"	2.00 each
10" - 24"	3.50 each

### ILEX OPACA ARDEN

This variety has been propagated many years and is still in the high quality group. Its hardiness, the deep green color of the leaves and the size and profusion of berries class it among the best.

Nicely branched 6" - 10"	\$2.50 each
10" - 18"	4.00 each

### ILEX OPACA FEMINA

In addition we have a collection of selected berry bearing plants which are worthy of comparison with any now sold. Unnamed, but with fine foliage and large bright red berries, they are suitable for border or foundation planting, hedges or as specimens.

10" to 15" from pots	\$1.25 each
15" to 24"	2.50 each
2 to 3 feet	4.50 each

### ILEX OPACA, MALE

One is necessary in a group of female trees for berry production.

10" - 20"	\$1.50
20" - 30"	2.50



We are proud of this collection, which is the result of diligent search over seven northeastern states to find the parent trees. Only those which have been growing a long time in their present location, frequently over 20 years, were chosen.

We are indebted to botanists of The Royal Botanic Garden for their aid in identification, particularly of the clones of *Ilex aquifolium*.

Evergreen hollies grow readily if a few simple rules are followed. With any order of \$5.00 or more, you will receive a booklet, "Growing Evergreen Hollies," which has helpful suggestions about location, planting, care, winter protection, etc. The recommendations in this booklet are the sifted information of 20 years of holly growing in several states.

## HOW TO ORDER

All prices in this catalog are net F.O.B. Narberth, Pa. No discounts will be allowed. Prices quoted will hold for 1950.

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Please give us definite shipping instructions and the proper address. To assure correct address on the package, print it or write legibly. We use every precaution to avoid mistakes, and will appreciate your cooperation.

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